

telegram respecting its condition. On or about September 26 Vizetelly went to him with the important news that M. Brisson had at last referred the revision of the Dreyfus case to the Cour de Cassation, Such tidings seemed likely to cheer him; but directly he caught sight of Vize-
telly he exclaimed, " A telegram ! About Pinpin ?" And when Vizetelly answered no, his face fell, and scarcely listening to the good news he sank hack on the sofa, mut-
tering, " Ah! if it had only heen about my poor dog!" A few days later he learnt that Pinpin was dead. Then for a moment he remained grieving piteously. But all at once, shaking his fist, he shouted, " The scoundrels! it was they who killed him!" — referring of course to the anti-Dreyfusites.

But it was only suspense that unnerved Zola either with regard to the episodes of the Affair or in connection with his dog. Confronted by the inevitable in the case of Pinpin, he braced himself and began to mend. Soon after-
wards (October 10), an execution having been duly levied at his house'in the Rue de Bruxelles, a sale took place there. In the throng which then assembled were many admirers who hoped to be able to purchase souvenirs. But Zola had previously arranged that whatever might be the article first offered for sale, M. Fasquelle, his publisher, should bid the full amount of the execution. This was

done; the
auctioneer put up a Louis XIII table and M.
Fasquelle bid
thirty-two thousand francs¹ for it, at which price
it became
nominally his property. The sale was then
finished, and
the would-be buyers of souvenirs retired
disappointed.

Late in October, when the GOUT de Cassation,
accepting
the question of revision in principle, began its
famous in-

1 £1,280 = \$6,400.